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SUBJECT VTR WITH NATO ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL WALTER LABERGE

REF USIS IEU PAO LETTER NO. 31

1. NATO ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR DEFENSE SUPPORT  
WALTER LABERGE WILL BE IN US IN FEBRUARY TO PARTICIPATE  
IN CONFERENCE AT GEORGETOWN U. TENTATIVE DATE IS FEBRUARY 14.
2. LABERGE, WHO WAS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AIR FORCE FOR  
R&D BEFORE BEING SECONDED BY DOD TO PRESENT POST A YEAR AGO,  
IS EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE HIGH-LEVEL EXPERT ON STANDARDIZATION  
AND AWACS, BOTH OF WHICH ARE AT TOP OF PRESENT USNATO PRIORITY LIST.

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3. LABERGE HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO OUR SUGGESTION  
THAT WHILE IN US HE PARTICIPATE IN AGENCY VTR ON BOTH  
SUBJECT.
4. WE BELIEVE AUTHORITATIVE DISCUSSION OF THESE SUB-  
JECTS COULD BE HIGHLY USEFUL PROGRAM TOOL AT USIS POSTS  
IN ALL NATO COUNTRIES AND PERHAPS BEYOND FOR USE WITH  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE WRITERS AS WELL AS WITH  
POLITICAL AND ACADEMIC AUDIENCES. IN FACT, OPPORTUNITY

OFFERED BY LABERGE COULD HELP FULFILL REQUEST FOR USEFUL GUIDANCE AND/OR PROGRAM MATERIAL ON BOTH SUBJECTS WHICH USIS ROME AND USIS BONN HAVE MADE TO US IN RECENT DAYS. LABERGE VTR ON SUCH TIMELY AND, CERTAINLY IN CASE OF STANDARDIZATION, DURABLE SUBJECTS ALSO DIRECTLY IN LINE WITH THRUST OF NEW IMV VTR SERIES DESCRIBED IN PAO LETTER NO. 31.

5. POST HAS IN MIND INTERVIEW FORMAT WITH PERHAPS TWO WASHINGTON BASED EUROPEAN JOURNALISTS, PREFERABLY FROM UK AND FRG, WHO HAVE GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF MILITARY/SECURITY AND NATO ISSUES.

6. LABERGE RETURNS FROM HOLIDAY EARLY JANUARY AT WHICH TIME WE WE WILL PURSUE DETAILS. CLAUSSEN

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